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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The Mono County Sheriff's Department proposal for Off-Highway Vehicle grant funding includes maintaining the current Over the Snow Patrol Program and expanding our patrol program to include summer patrols with All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV).

The Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the U. S. Forest Service from the Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forest currently provide over the snow patrols to ensure the safety of visitors and residents, alike. In 2008, the Mono County Sheriff's Department performed 355 patrol hours and 299 training hours to ensure the OHV program was a success.

The winter over the snow OHV Program is successful and continues to minimize accidents, wilderness intrusions, search and rescue missions and cross-country ski use area conflicts throughout Mono County's vast recreational areas.

Currently, the Mono County Sheriff's Department uses five (5) snow mobiles to conduct over the snow patrols. The machines were originally purchased in 2001 by an OHV grant. These snow mobiles have provided eight (8) years of reliable service due to the rigorous care and maintenance we have provided. Also, to assist with the longevity of the machines, the Sheriff's Department requires all over the snow patrol participants to attend an eight (8) hour snow mobile training class prior to participation in the OHV program.

The current proposal will include summer OHV patrols by using All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). The Sheriff's Department does not have the equipment to patrol the summer OHV activity. Mono County is popular with ATV and dirt bike enthusiasts based on the number of approved OHV trails.

Based on data obtained from the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, Mono County provides over 4100 miles of OHV approved trails and roads. The county is currently the host for three (3) ATV / Dirt Bike events and one (1) "JEEP" event annually. There are no exact numbers for individual off-roaders using the public lands, but many off-road enthusiasts come to Mono County to visit old mining towns, ghost towns and points of historical interest. Many of these sights are only accessible by foot traffic or an ATV.

The Sheriff's Department summer OHV proposal will include the purchase of two (2) side-by-side ATVs with mud and snow flotation devices. The side-by-side ATVs would allow patrols during the California deer season when ATV use is at its peak in Mono County. During this time, the terrain and weather varies greatly. The road and trail conditions can range from snow covered to a mud bog in a few miles.

The greatest benefit to a summer OHV program is the education and safety aspect to non-resident off-roaders. Mono County borders the State of Nevada to the east making Mono County easily accessible to non-resident off-roaders. The State of Nevada's OHV laws is very different from California's OHV Rules and Regulations. Many times, the Sheriff's Department has received calls for service regarding accidents, OHV safety and private property intrusions with no feasible means to respond and effectively handle the problem. With the assistance from the California OHV Program, we can educate off-roaders, effectively patrol heavy use areas and take corrective actions against willful violators.

The Sheriff's Department has taken a proactive approach to some of the problems. In August of 2008, the Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the Deputy Sheriff's Association hosted an ATV Safety Course taught by instructors from the ATV Safety Institute and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The course had an overwhelming attendance of young riders from the surrounding area. The Sheriff's Department plans to continue the course at different locations throughout the county.

Mono County is a four season OHV paradise. The county offers some of the best scenic terrain with endless miles of trails and roads for OHV enthusiasts to enjoy. The down side to the natural beauty is there is a minimal Law Enforcement presence or assistance to the residents and visitors of Mono County. Mono County relies on California's OHV Division to provide funding to establish and maintain the law enforcement patrol programs.

When the grant application is approved, Mono County Sheriff's Department will provide a summer and winter OHV patrol

based on our current over the snow program. This program will include established patrol days throughout the county where OHV use is at its peak. The patrol will include safety, education and enforcement, when applicable. The summer and winter OHV programs would increase our ability to educate the public, enforce OHV regulations and provide a response to safety and life-threatening situations. The program would also increase our ability to respond to OHV accidents, Search and Rescue situations and wilderness and private property intrusions.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Mono County Sheriff's Department serves an area of California that is rugged, remote and dangerous. The terrain varies from jagged peaks, deep canyons to low lying valleys. The elevation of Mono County varies from 14,000 feet at Tower Peak to 5,000 feet on the valley floors. The winters can produce heavy snowfall measured in feet and begins as early as September and winter conditions can persist until late spring.

The Mono County Sheriff's Department currently provides winter law enforcement patrols on approximately 2,733 square miles (1,750,157 acres) of public lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Field Office administered lands.

The Mono County provides approximately 130 miles of groomed and marked trails for over the snow enthusiasts. The groomed and marked trails are between the towns of June Lake, CA and Mammoth Lakes, CA. The Mono County Sheriff's Department routinely patrols the marked trails to assist the visitors to the area.

The groomed and marked trails are primary routes for three established snow mobile rental businesses in the area. The businesses cater to visitors that are unfamiliar with the area and snow mobile use. The businesses also use familiar routes that are not groomed but marked.

The other side of over the snow patrol is the countless square miles of undeveloped riding areas that are not signed. These riding areas are popular with riders due to the extreme nature of the terrain. The undeveloped riding areas host the vast majority of snow mobilers.

There are many areas in Mono County that have been recognized as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern by the stewards of the land. These locations include but are not limited to Bodie Hills & Bodie State Park, Indiana Summit, The Hoover Wilderness, Slinkard Valley and Fish Slough.

There are unlimited OHV opportunities in the summer months in Mono County. Mono County has approximately 4100 miles of approved OHV trails and roads. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest administers 500 miles of approved OHV trails. The Inyo National Forest administers 2,800 miles of approved OHV trails and the Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Office, administers 900 miles of OHV approved trails. There are countless OHV trails that are not recognized but are in constant use.

The OHV approved trails are improved dirt roads with passenger vehicle traffic, unimproved dirt roads with limited passenger vehicle traffic and small two track and single track trails accessible by an OHV only.

Many of the OHV trails are located on public lands and pass through private property. Most of the private property is fenced and gated for livestock. There are Areas of Critical Environmental Concern in the Bodie Hills that are fenced and gated to limit the use of vehicle traffic to the environment. These areas of concern are not currently patrolled for intrusions.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

The Mono County Sheriff's Department currently conducts OHV / OSV patrols Thursday through Monday during the winter months. These patrols are increased or decreased based on holidays, available manpower or foreseeable heavy OHV / OSV times.

The patrols consist of two Deputies working the northern county and two Deputies working the southern county. The Deputies are required to check the registration and safety features of each tow vehicle, trailer and OHV machine. Once a check of the vehicles is completed, the Deputies travel off-road and assist motorists, inspect wilderness boundaries for

intrusions and provide law enforcement actions for violations of the Vehicle Code and Penal Code. The Deputies are specifically focusing on violations of the 38000 section of the Vehicle Code. Due to the high rate of non-resident visitors, the Deputies also use the citizen contacts as a time to educate the non-resident visitors about California's OHV Rules and Regulations. Most of the non-resident visitors are unaware of registration requirements and wilderness boundaries.

The OHV Program machines are used to respond to Search and Rescue calls for service, when needed. There are calls for service when the only feasible mode of transportation is over the snow machines or the location is so remote only an ATV will negotiate the terrain. The OHV machines are used to respond to reported accidents on trails and on public lands. The machines are used to transport investigators and traffic officers to the scene of the accident to complete the investigation.

The Sheriff's Department OHV Program's schedule is flexible to provide the highest level of enforcement, safety and citizen contacts.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The Mono County Sheriff's Department deploys Deputies assigned to OHV assignments in pairs. The Deputies are assigned to the northern county or the southern county for patrol assignments.

The Sheriff's Department does not specifically assign an individual Deputy to OHV patrols. The OHV patrols are on a rotating basis for assigned patrol dates and a "first come" basis for any available overtime patrol dates.

There twenty six (26) Deputies assigned to OHV patrol assignments. These Deputies generally work patrol and custody in their day-to-day assignments. Generally, one patrol Deputy is paired with a custody Deputy for OHV patrols.

Each Deputy that is assigned to the OHV patrols must have completed the department's OHV safety and familiarization training prior to working an OHV patrol shift.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The highest area of concern is the machined groomed recreational areas visited by inexperienced riders. The trails are marked but most are unfamiliar with the trail system and how to use the provided maps to assist them in their travels.

The next level of concern is the more experienced riders on the National Forest. These riders will take larger risks to explore more extreme terrain. These riders tend to enter the wilderness in search of difficult terrain to test their abilities.

Many places in Mono County such as the Hoover Wilderness, Ansel Adams Wilderness, Bodie State Park and Mono Lake Recreational Area have restrictions on motorized vehicles in these areas. Without OHV Grant funding, there is no means to provide effective deterrence to prevent entry into these areas. The Mono County Sheriffs Department attempts to educate the public regarding the issue of wilderness intrusions but education is not enough to prevent wilderness intrusions.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The proposed OHV Law Enforcement Grant for Mono County would assist in maintaining OHV opportunities on public lands by reducing wilderness intrusions, by providing a Law Enforcement presence for questions and answers from the public regarding OHV use and restrictions and protecting the existing trail system by enforcing the use of designated routes and roads.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Mono County Sheriffs Department currently has Memorandum of Understandings with the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest and the Inyo National Forest.

The Mono County Sheriffs Department has work with Law Enforcement Officers from the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest to patrol the Leavitt Lakes corridor and to patrol for wilderness intrusions in the Hoover Wilderness.

The Mono County Sheriffs Department has conducted patrols with Law Enforcement Officers from the Inyo National Forest to deter alcohol use while operating over the snow machines, to ensure registration compliance and to prevent intrusions into snow play areas and cross country ski areas.

There is a working relationship with the Park Rangers at Bodie State Park to assist when there is an OHV accident and to provide OHV patrols to deter illegal entry into the park during hours when the park is not in operation.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explain

Not Applicable

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The Mono County Sheriffs Department conducts MANDATORY OHV training for all participating personnel prior to working in the OHV Program. The training covers weather related injuries, maintenance of machines, operation of machines, avalanche awareness, avalanche beacon training and OHV laws and regulations.

The department also conducts weekly patrol briefings that include safety, wilderness intrusions and effective patrol techniques in high OHV use areas.

All personnel participating in the OHV Program must be certified in CPR, First Responder First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogens.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
- The Mono County Sheriffs Department enforces the regulations pertaining to the California Vehicle Code, specifically Section 38000. When there is a possible violation of a federal mandate, we usually request a Federal LEO for assistance in the matter. If a Federal LEO is unavailable, we document the occurrence in detail and forward the report to the appropriate federal agency for review and follow up.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The OHV in lieu of tax funds currently go directly to the Mono County General Fund. The monies have been included in the Sheriff's Department Operations Budget and have indirectly supported OHV enforcement with the purchase of safety equipment, winter personal protective equipment and out of budget cost for machine repairs.

The monies will have a new line item for 2009 - 2010 in the Sheriff's Budget to closely track the efforts of the funding.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- Nor Applicable
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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APPLICANT NAME :	Mono County Sheriff's Department		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Development</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Planning</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Restoration</div> </div>		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Patrol Hours X Average Patrol Deputy Salary per hour	1500.000	27.000	HRS	30,375.00	10,125.00	40,500.00
	Sergeant Notes : Sergeant Patrol Hours X Average Patrol Sergeant Salary per hour	500.000	40.000	HRS	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
	Total for Staff				45,375.00	15,125.00	60,500.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Storage Notes : Rental Contract for storage of UTV and OSV	12.000	200.000	MOS	1,800.00	600.00	2,400.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Operating fuel and minor repairs	1.000	8000.000	YR	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-UTV Notes : (2) Polaris Rangers RZR Model All-Terrain Utility Vehicle	2.000	14000.000	EA	21,000.00	7,000.00	28,000.00
	Other-Snow Tracks Notes : (2) sets of mud and snow flotation devices for Polaris Ranger RZR All-Terrain Utility Vehicle	2.000	3400.000	SET	5,100.00	1,700.00	6,800.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				26,100.00	8,700.00	34,800.00
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	45,375.00	15,125.00	60,500.00	
2	Contracts	1,800.00	600.00	2,400.00	This contract is for a storage facility to store Over the Snow Vehicles. If the proposed grant is approved, UTV will be stored in the facility as well.
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	26,100.00	8,700.00	34,800.00	This request is for two Polaris Ranger RZR with mud and snow flotation devices (tracks).
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		79,275.00	26,425.00	105,700.00	

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment